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To whom it may concern,

As a US citizen who is concerned with preserving the freedom of "choice" among products and services in our nation, I would like to add my following concerns regarding the Microsoft anti-trust case.

- 1.) Microsoft, unlike auto makers, builds a proprietary car, using proprietary gas, and now they also want to own the road (internet)
- 2.) The only real way to have the punishment fit the crime, is if Microsoft is forced to open up all of it's proprietary holdings so that the world can have real competition.
- 3.) This would force them (as well as everyone else) to compete solely on the basis of the quality of their products. I guarantee that this would get their attention.

The fundamental problem with the PC industry is that right now some very bright kids are hard at work inventing the next great computer idea either in hardware or software, but they also realize that it will never see the light of day because it is not Windows compatible, and Microsoft will find a very clever way to kill it.

This will also ensure the fact that you and I will be stuck using the lowest common denominator in the computer industry which is Microsoft mediocrity.

The fairest judgment in this case would be to force Microsoft to write all of their applications to run native on all other competing platforms for the next decade. And if they want to donate computers to poor school districts then they have to purchase competitors equipment.

This would be fair. Microsoft illegally gained tons of market share, and so now they must be forced to give market share back!

Thanks

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